58th Anniversary of Dandi March

3560. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 58th Anniversary of Dandi March was recently celebrated in Gujarat; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) and (b). The 58th Anniversary of Dandi March was celebrated by the Government of Gujarat as part of the commemoration of 40 years of India's Independence and all matters pertaining to the march was decided by the State Government.

Share of eastern region from the financial institutions

3561. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the eastern region have not received its due share from the All India financial institutions;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what are the reasons for such a discrimination; and

(d) what steps are proposed to be taken to remove such discrimination?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (d) Available data relating to cumulative per capita assistance, disbursed to the States mentioned below, by the Financial Institutions upto the end of March, 1987, as compared to the All India figure, are given below :—

State	Per capita assistance disbursed
	(in Rupees)
1. Bihar	109.90
2. Orissa	328.85
3. Sikkim	418.67
4. West Bengal	334.38
All India	425.41

Statewise distribution of assistance of financial institutions depends upon the number of applications for viable projects originating from different States and, *inter-alia* locational decisions of entrepreneurs. Locational decisions of entreprenurs in turn depend upon factors which include availability of skilled labour, power and other infrastructural facilities and proximity to markets.

With a view to encouraging industrialisation in specified backward areas institutions provide financial assistance on concessional terms to unit set up in the backward areas.

Modernisation of NTC Mills in West Bengal

3562. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to modernise some NTC mills in West Bengal; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b), Modernisation is a continuous process. As on 30th September, 1987, an amount of Rs. 24.24 crores has been spent on renovation/modernisation of textile mills under NTC in West Bengal.